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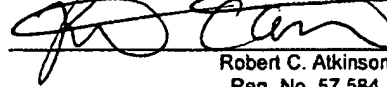
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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated February 21, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-32 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-26 have been rejected. Claims 27-32 are allowed.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.